

PLEASE READ THIS -
ITS NOT A FORM
LETTER

why the decision
about whether to
allow Sinclair to
force stations to
run "Stolen Honor" .
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. . . SHOULD
NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY
by FCC!!!

Key Facts to
Consider:

1) The outcome of
this election will
dramatically
influence the future
course of US and
world affairs (what
kind of country will
we become; what kind
of world will we
create)

2) Broadcasting this
movie to such a
massive audience in
critical swing
states can have a
major influence on
the election.

3) Potential
disservice to the
public: The veracity
of the reports in
the movie are
questionable - they
are at odds with
many other facts
(most government
records support
Kerry's version, one
man in the political
ad has recanted and
apologized). Also
the full
circumstances around
Kerry's testimony
back then are
carefully edited out
(e.g., Kerry was
relaying testimony
he heard from other
soldiers). The
producers appear to
be highly partisan.
If the facts were
solid you might make
the case that this

was a public service to help the electorate better understand a candidate for president. That claim cannot be made in this case. If the info provided is distorted and misleading, that makes Sinclairs action a disservice to the public and to this democracy. (I believe a megamedia corp should be held to a different standard of "free speech" than an individual).

4) One corporate executive (with a history of partisan bias) who is unelected and unaccountable is exerting immense power over public opinion - - through the one mechanism in our democracy that is supposed to be objective - the media. Does this set a precedent for any media executive who wishes to do the same thing?

5) FCC inaction on this matter would stand in sharp contrast to action recently taken in response to the Janet Jackson fiasco - an incident with comparatively minor implications for our nation.

If you are unwilling to prevent the mass, mandatory broadcast of Stolen Honor, you should at least require them to also broadcast "Going Upriver" - in an equivalent time slot.

Sinclair's action
hurts our democracy.
I oppose it because
it is a blatant
attempt to help one
side win the
election. I would be
opposed to a
left-leaning network
doing it as well.

Without non-partisan
media, our democracy
is put in serious
jeopardy. Stolen
honor is not news,
it's not a public
service
announcement. The
presentation of
facts made in this
movie does not
adhere to any
journalistic
standards.
Therefore, we have
no reason to believe
that the producers
of the movie have
fairly or accurately
presented the facts

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.